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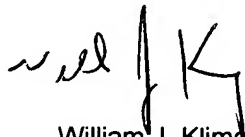
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Information Disclosure Statement

The Applicant, in a communication dated September 26, 2006, asserts that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on June 9, 2005, had not been acknowledged.

The Examiner, after looking through the PALM system (Patent Application and Monitoring) and the eDAN (electronic Desktop Application Navigator) system, has determined that there is no record (e.g., the references, the PTO-1449, a transmittal sheet, etc.) of an IDS being filed on June 9, 2005; moreover still, the Examiner has scrutinized the PALM and eDAN systems, and there is no IDS statement filed by the Applicant that corresponds to the IDS PTO-1449 submitted on September 26, 2006 by the Applicant. The Applicant is required to submit proof of such a filing (e.g., postcard return receipt from the Patent Office) for consideration of the PTO-1449.

Based on the record currently before the Examiner, the following findings on the PTO - 1449 filed on September 26, 2006 have been made:

The information disclosure statement filed September 26, 2006 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because:

(i) The information disclosure statement filed September 26, 2006 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(c) because it lacks a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e).

(ii) The information disclosure statement filed September 26, 2006 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

(iii) The information disclosure statement filed September 26, 2006 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609.05(a).


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William J. Klimowicz whose telephone number is (571) 272-7577. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (6:30AM-5:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa Thi Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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